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There is every reason to do things illegally
and no reason to go through the legal process.
— Colleen Dunn, on the College party policy

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AMERICA'S OLDEST WEEKLY COLLEGE NEWSPAPER

Thursday, December 10, 1998

Holden Hall set ablaze, with frayed wiring to blame

TONDA LEE
STAFF WRITER

Late Friday night, flames engulfed Room 247 on the southwest corner of Holden Hall facing Beall Ave. False fire alarms are notorious in Holden, but this time a real fire caused the temporary closure of the largest dorm on campus.

The fire department's investigation discovered that an electrical malfunction triggered the fire. "An electrical cord of some sort that had rubbed between two pieces of metal and worn through" sparked the fire, according to Director of Residential Life Dwayne Davis.

Room 247 sustained substantial damage. Both the room and its contents were basically destroyed; according to friends, its residents will be awarded \$8,000 each to cover damages. Residents of Holden L second floor could not return to their rooms until noon on Saturday after the hall had aired out.

The fire was discovered a little after 11 p.m. when two students en-

tered Lowry Center and told a member of the Residence Life staff that they smelled smoke in Holden. The staffer relayed the information to the clerk at Lowry's front desk and raced to Holden where he pulled the fire alarm and contacted Stacey Caplea, the building's Residence Director and the Assistant Director of Residential Life.

"I felt the door for heat and tried to open the door, and then Security arrived," said Caplea. "Everybody was pretty much on a roll."

Director of Security Joe Kirk said, "At 11:17 p.m., a clerk at Lowry Center front desk notified Security that there was a fire in Holden Hall. The security dispatcher sent two security officers to Holden and notified the fire department of the situation." Before the firefighters arrived, the security officers unsuccessfully attempted to subdue the fire with fire extinguishers, but they could not reach the fire from the

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Firefighters keep the blaze under control as students look on.

PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

Shots fired at Shack

DAN SHORTRIDGE
NEWS EDITOR

Two shots were fired at the Shack Restaurant around 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning. The shots were apparently fired at the rear of the building, located on Pine Street. Police located a single .12 gauge Remington shotgun shell on the ground outside of the building.

After hearing the second shot, the restaurant's owner dialed 911. She told police that she saw a white male, 5'9", wearing blue jeans and a dark shirt, running out of her yard. The man was carrying a gun, and attempted to jump over her fence as he ran in a southerly direction.

Police located a 1992 red Chevy Blazer, believed to be the suspect's, parked in a nearby alley. Lying on the front seat of the vehicle was a .22 Browning rifle with a partially-broken scope. The rifle was loaded with five bullets, one of them chambered. The vehicle was towed to

North End Garage and the rifle taken as evidence.

Five Wooster Police Department officers and one police detective spent three hours Saturday morning examining the scene. As of Wednesday, the detective's report was not available, as the incident is still under investigation by the department, said a Justice Center staff member.

Director of Security Joe Kirk said that the Wooster Police have not formally informed him of the incident. "I know about the incident, [but] the police have not called us," he said on Wednesday.

Security has no plans to issue a campus alert, said Kirk. Alerts are issued generally "because we need the community's assistance" in locating the perpetrator, and in this instance the police department has a suspect under investigation.

Security has "already stepped up" patrols in the area, said Kirk. "My understanding is that the police are doing the same."

Registrar again declines comment

Galpin to address concerns; faculty discusses registration

SPECIAL STAFF REPORT

Following spring semester registration this Saturday, College Registrar Glenn Davis again declined an interview with members of the *Voice* staff. "I just don't have the time right now to grant an interview," said Davis. "I really don't have a comment at the present."

"Given the level of concern in several areas of the College," he said, "I think we all need to take a step back ... and see if we're all dealing with the facts."

The Registrar's Office falls under the jurisdiction of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Barbara Hetrick.

"I am terribly distressed that this has happened," Hetrick said. "We want to serve the students, and this is certainly not the best service." She said that faculty members have expressed concern, "especially

about the students who were registered in a class lower than their own."

Dean of the Faculty Susan Figge said that her office was ready to help seniors with faulty numbers who missed an "essential degree requirement." Figge said, "My response was to send a memo to those students telling them to be in touch with me."

Hetrick also said that on Monday morning President Stan Hales had requested a list of all seniors who received lower registration draw numbers. "We're taking as many steps as we can after the fact," Hetrick said.

The topic of the registrar was also discussed at Monday's faculty meeting. According to observers, the faculty indicated that change was necessary, even if that meant switching computer programs. "Where we stand, as is typical after faculty meetings, is not real clear," Profes-

sor of Political Science Mark Weaver said later. "What I do know is, some faculty addressed this as an issue," he said. "Both the vice president and the registrar acknowledged it as an issue. What I don't know is how severe the software problems are, and that's what makes it difficult to assess."

Many faculty members believe solving the problems now is the responsibility of the administration. "I think it's clearly a major problem on campus," Political Science Department Chair Eric Moskowitz said Wednesday. "It should be the single highest priority in Galpin, and I'm not sure that it is."

Davis indicated that he would be willing to respond in writing to questions submitted by the *Voice* at a later date.

With reporting by
Sarah Fenske, Dawn Packer and
Dan Shortridge

✓ **Final exams** begin Monday. Be ready ...

✓ **The SGA shuttle bus** will run to Cleveland Hopkins Airport on Dec. 17 at 2 and 5 p.m. and on Dec. 18 at 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. It will return to Wooster on Jan. 10 at 4 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 each way and available at Lowry Front Desk.

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✓ **Twenty-four hour quiet hours** run from midnight on Dec. 11 to Dec. 17 after the last exam. Please be respectful of others!

✓ **All dorms and small houses, except for the break housing dorms (Luce, Kenarden, and Babcock) will close at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 18.**

✓ **Semester II payments are due by Tuesday, Dec. 15.**

✓ **The Andrews Library Mummies will present "Saint George: A Mummer's Play for the Feast of Christmas," on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 13 and 14, at 9 p.m., in the lobby of Andrews Library.**

Holden cleanup begins

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door's threshold. The officers then assisted Caplea and Resident Assistant Travis Grundke '99 with evacuation.

Grundke had been in his room preparing to go to bed when he was alerted to the fire. He said that he had originally thought it was a prank: "Well, that's one heck of a smoke bomb," he said later.

Davis arrived at Holden a little before midnight. He said, "The building had been cleared, and the R.A. staff was keeping students out of the building." While the Res Life staff dealt with the students, the fire department quickly subdued the fire and surveyed its cause and damages.

All Holden residents were kept out of the dorm until a little after 2 a.m. Lowry Center remained open during that time to accommodate them. A crowd of about 150 people had gathered to watch the scene, but "dissipated rather quickly," said Grundke. The Residential Life staff made sure the relocated students had places to sleep and assisted them in finding shelter. They also found housing for the occupants of Room 247, who have been relocated to Kenarden Lodge.

The final costs of the damage have not been tallied, but the second floor will be thoroughly renovated and the whole dorm is in the process of being cleaned to remove and contain any remnants of the fire. Most of the damage resulted from smoke and soot.

The school plans to "strip and clean the walls, remove the carpet and the ceiling tile" to prevent further contamination, said Davis. "And then they'll put back new carpet, repaint the walls after they seal them, and that will remove and contain the smell."

"We're living in a bubble right now," said Holden second floor resident Ryan Oates '00, whose room is directly across the hallway from Room 247. A thick sheet of clear plastic now hangs over the entrance to the hallway of the room which houses Oates, Jim Tyree '00 and Mike Gluck '00. The cleaning is a "hassle," said Oates; the residents cannot touch anything in the hallway for fear that soot will get all over their clothes.

Davis advised students to be "conscious of where their wires are located." Wires can deteriorate from the friction produced from rugs or other abrasive surfaces. Students should place wires and electrical cords in secure locations, away from other cords or abrasive surfaces.

The College reportedly does not believe that the wiring in Holden is defective. "They assured us that it was not the wiring," said Grundke. "It was their personal wiring in the room which shorted," added Resident Assistant Sam Tam '99. Grundke said that the maintenance staff was in the dorm checking the rest of its equipment until 3 a.m. Saturday.

With additional reporting by
Nicole Dodds and Dan Shortridge

Copeland ends his 32-year run

ERIN E. PATTERSON
STAFF WRITER

Former president of The College of Wooster and current Professor of History Henry Copeland is scheduled to retire at the conclusion of this semester. Copeland, who also holds the title of President Emeritus, has been with the College for over 30 years, since 1966.

Copeland was President from 1977 until his retirement in 1995, which he attributed to his desire to teach. "I wanted to teach and to see Wooster students in the classroom again," said Copeland. He got this chance by serving as a leave replacement for the last year and a half in the history department. However, with the return of Dr. John Hondros in the spring semester, Copeland's services in the department will no longer be needed.

The most rewarding part of being President for Copeland was setting an agenda and being able to work with others to meet that goal. As President, he had the opportunity to work with parents, faculty, alumni and trustees. "Knowing and working with this assortment of individuals was challenging and invigorating," he said. "The most important decisions a president makes are any personnel appointments," said Copeland. "A good appointment pays a dividend for many years."

After Copeland retired in 1995, the Board of Trustees appointed him



PHOTO BY AMELIA KAYS

President Emeritus. The position entails receiving assignments from the president or the chairman of the Board of Trustees. Before returning to the College in 1997, Copeland took a two-year leave. "This time [off] provided focus," said Copeland. In the interval he also prepared to teach by making an agenda for reading and planning lectures.

Upon returning, Copeland found that it was exciting to be back in the classroom. "I wanted to be in touch with what really matters in a college, the students," said Copeland. "Teaching is rewarding in a direct way on an everyday basis." Another surprise for Copeland upon his return was the increase in library resources from those he worked with in his previous teaching experiences. "These resources are helpful with the I.S. and they are quickly and readily available," said Copeland. "One of the things I will miss the most is access to a library like this."

However, along with all the positive points he finds in teaching,

Copeland also found frustration in being a professor. He found that the majority of students are able to express themselves in writing competently and coherently, but in years of teaching he did encounter a small number of students who were not as prolific. "Coming to grips with the fact that there are a small number of students who don't write well was most frustrating," said Copeland. "This is so limiting to the student."

Copeland found his many years in Wooster to be a very enriching experience. "The intelligent questioning of faculty, the students pushing you and the highly intelligent trustees all added to my experience," said Copeland.

Copeland's future plans include moving to his retirement home in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina with his wife.

A \$230 parking space

BRIAN J. MCFILLEN
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, the student group EMPOWER held a silent auction in Lowry Center to raise proceeds for the AIDS awareness and victim support organization, B.I.S.H.O.P.'S P.L.E.A. Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Hetrick also conducted a live auction. According to EMPOWER member Carey McGilliard '00, the results were better than anyone had anticipated: "[The turnout] was the best it's ever been ... [and] it made more money than ever." By the end of the day, the auction had raised \$2,600 for B.I.S.H.O.P.'S P.L.E.A.

The auction featured items donated by area businesses, local community members and Wooster faculty, organizations, staff and students. Some of the items included were Santa Claus dolls, restaurant gift certificates, a cheesecake donated by Director of Security Joe Kirk, original art from the faculty of the art department, jewelry made by Megan Hooker '00, home cooked meals from Wooster faculty and a dinner at C. W. Burgerstein. However, the most popular item at the auction was a reserved parking place anywhere on campus for one year, which went for \$230.

B.I.S.H.O.P.'S P.L.E.A. is a local organization founded by Peggy Bishop and her husband, which not only promotes AIDS awareness, but also gives financial assistance to AIDS patients. This assistance includes help with medical bills and other expenses.

Campus Council debates college alcohol policies

HEATHER MILUM
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Campus Council devoted its final meeting of the semester to an in-depth discussion of how it, as a governing body, could address the issues of binge drinking and alcohol abuse at the College. Although a lack of administrators at the session prevented any motions from being

passed, several plans and suggestions were generated regarding these two problems.

Handicapped accessibility, an issue which has recently been recognized by SGA as being worthy of immediate attention, was discussed first. Senator Jennifer Buckley '99, chair of the SGA ad-hoc committee on handicapped access, began the discussion by presenting Council

with the information she had gathered thus far in her committee's investigation. Buckley said that SGA's goal was to promote a dialogue about accessibility on campus, adding that she had yet to encounter any real opposition to the issue. "It's simply a matter of speaking with the appropriate officials," she said.

Council discussed with Buckley what types of changes she recommended to be made. She said that minor tasks, such as leaving dorm elevators on, could be taken immediately, while expensive changes such as ramps would be described in a letter to President Hales once the committee had finished its investigation.

Alcohol was the focus of the latter part of the meeting, as Council attempted to answer the question "How can we make Wooster a safer place, while at the same time, provide social outlets, keeping both laws and student's concerns in mind?" Some faculty council members found this question difficult to answer without basic information regarding how alcohol is consumed on campus, and so they turned to the students present for help. Associ-

ate Professor of Philosophy Garret Thomson, frustrated by the lack of specifics being discussed, asked, "Where exactly does binge drinking take place? If we can classify the different kinds of drinking, and where it takes place, then maybe we can figure out what the hell is going on here."

In answer to the question, SGA Vice President for Student Affairs Ryan Dansak cited the Underground, section or club parties and private parties as the three main venues of alcohol use at the College. Council generally agreed that it was private parties, particularly those off campus, which posed the greatest possibility of binge drinking taking place. Member-At-Large Colleen Dunn '99 explained that the lengthy and expensive process of party registration often cause people to take parties off campus or to throw illegal, unregistered parties. "There is every reason to do things illegally and no reasons to go through the legal process ... it costs a lot more than just buying a case and having some people over," she said. Council plans to continue to discuss these issues at its first meeting next semester.

Meditating to a different drummer



PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

Rev. Linda Morgan-Clement leads the final Space For God program of the semester.

A Vision For Wooster: The Strategic Plan, Part II

On the Web at http://www.wooster.edu/College_Relations/Secure/Plan/plan1.html

EPC has full agenda Liberal arts core to be discussed

DAWN PACKER
Co-Editor

Standing between the theory promulgated by the Strategic Planning Committee and the daily implementation of academic objectives by the faculty is the Educational Policy Committee. Consisting of faculty, administration and student members, the EPC is responsible for developing and implementing educational policies for the College. In the words of Benjamin Mizer '99, SGA's Vice President for Academic Affairs and an EPC member, the EPC is "the most important committee on campus. Education is what we do here."

In addition to its regular duties of approving new courses, evaluating structural changes to a major and minor and an on-going evaluation of existing departments, the EPC has been charged with realizing the Strategic Plan goal "to adopt new general education requirements based on the knowledge, understanding and skills that all students graduating from Wooster should possess."

Dean of the Faculty Susan Figge, who chairs the EPC, said that the group had discussed a review of the College's distribution requirements even prior to the unveiling of the strategic plan document. Now the goal is official.

"The Committee understanding is that instead of focusing on specific requirements ... [it must] consider what the objectives for a liberal arts college should be," Figge explained. "What will students learn?"

At the November faculty meeting,

the EPC presented its preliminary objectives for the review of the faculty. The objectives sparked mixed reviews at the meeting. Figge said that "discussion about the rationale, the objectives, helps move us toward a better understanding of the requirements currently in place."

However, Figge makes a distinction between the objectives and the actual course requirements. One of the reasons that the EPC began to discuss the liberal arts core even before the Strategic Plan was revealed is that, in the words of student EPC member Travis Grundke '99, "the College has lost academic focus." He explained further, saying that "If you're not excited about or focused on the curriculum, you lose sight, you lose your bearings."

Figge stated the importance of being "clear on the rationale for those [distribution] requirements so everyone, students and faculty alike, has an understanding of what courses are for and what we should be trying to achieve in those courses."

Mizer noted that the Academic Programming Committee had received complaints because "students didn't understand the reasons for distribution requirements." The objectives drawn up by EPC should help to "guide future discussion," Mizer said.

Grundke said that "the basic objectives [are] very attainable." The question now is how to achieve them. The EPC is currently working on developing possible models for the liberal arts core. These models will be discussed within the EPC and then passed on for faculty review.

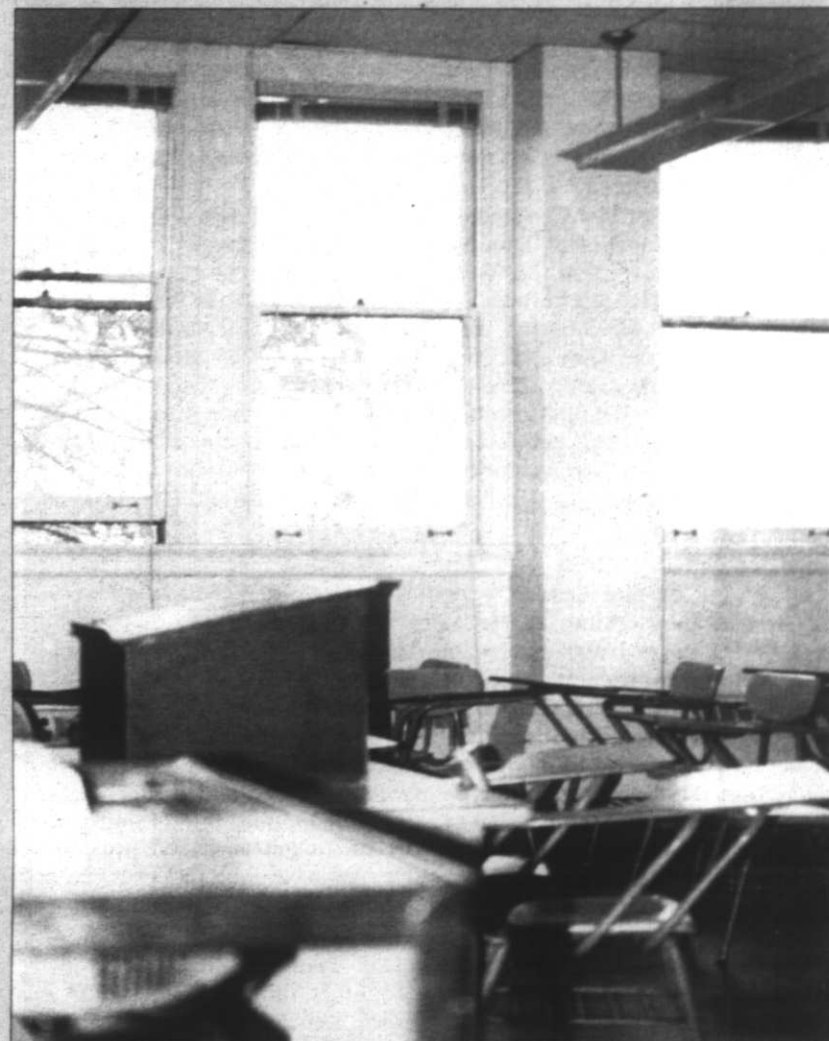
Kauke renovation in the works

DAN SHORTRIDGE
News Editor

The administration is calling the renovation of Kauke Hall its "highest priority" in the area of facilities improvement. Kauke, last renovated in the early 1960s, is considered by faculty and students alike to be inadequate for housing its various departments.

The renovation will be part of the development of a campus facilities plan, President Stan Hales told the faculty at the November faculty meeting. The College will interview various consulting firms and contract with one to begin the development of such a plan by the conclusion of this academic year.

Because the renovation will be only one part of a larger campus plan, its exact dimensions are unknown. In November, Religious Studies Department Chair Chuck Kammer suggested that both office space and departmental support by secretaries be increased. An earlier draft of the plan suggested the development of departmental lounges, as currently exist in other academic buildings. Another option which has been described as "critical" is improving the technological infrastructure of the building. Hales said that the administration will discuss the options with the chairs of departments housed in Kauke.



Kauke Hall: in need of a facelift

PHOTO BY LOU LINDIC

"Everything is interlocked and interrelated," Figge said. "You can't look at one department without looking at its effect on the rest of everything else."

The Strategic Plan also charges the EPC with other goals. The

overarching academic objective of the Plan is "to strengthen the coherence of the curriculum." To that end, the Plan suggests an increase in "interdisciplinary work" and that the College "ensure across departments more effective and consistent preparation of

students for Senior Independent Study." The approval of more interdisciplinary courses will also fall to the EPC, and Figge predicted EPC involvement in the review of overall coherence of the courses taken each year as related to the final product of I.S.

New rec space is still in the talking stages

JAMES ALLARDICE
Sports Editor

Talk of a fieldhouse has again surfaced on campus. According to Athletic Director Bob Malekoff, a new recreation center "does fit into the master campus plan." While the option of a fieldhouse still lurks in the not-so immediate future, it does appear that the College is taking steps towards additional recreational space.

"The Strategic Plan does include a needs assessment," Malekoff said. "At this point, additional recreational space is needed." While Malekoff did not have many details about the potential of a fieldhouse, the idea did excite him.

"I prefer to call it a rec center rather than a fieldhouse because it would benefit virtually every student," Malekoff said. "It could benefit the school much like the new fitness center has. It wouldn't have to be something that only athletes used. There is a need for more indoor recreational facilities. It is definitely something that the College needs."

A fieldhouse would have a direct impact on several athletic teams, because they are currently forced to find practice facilities off campus. The indoor track team, which will compete in its first meet Jan. 20, practices at Wooster High School.

Wooster is the only remaining team in the North Coast Athletic

Conference without a fieldhouse, putting additional strain on the athletic program. In addition, the rec center could provide space for intramural sports as well as additional athletic facilities for programs like aerobics.

"There is no doubt that everyone would benefit," Malekoff said. "It

wouldn't be a facility just for athletes." Malekoff said that there is no immediate timetable for a new rec center. "It's hard to say when this could happen," Malekoff said. "At this point there are some planning documents out there, and we are working towards the option of a new rec center."

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Speaking of ...

Rallying 'round the bonfire

Friday night was not a banner night for residents of Holden. One room received substantial damage, the entire second floor L was evacuated for the night and all Holden residents were banned from the dorm until 2 a.m. The upside of the whole ordeal is that now we know how well the campus personnel can act in an emergency situation. The RAs evacuated their residents, kept them from going back into the dorm and got the people who had been partying hard out of the way of the Wooster Fire Department.

Administrators were on hand and making arrangements before the smoke had cleared. Lowry stayed open until 2 a.m. to give Holdenites somewhere to sit (or sleep) until they could return to their rooms. Hygeia offered to house refugees from the second floor.

The Fire Department itself put out the fire with a crowd of college kids standing around looking stunned, and we're glad for that too. Who would have blamed them if they'd let Holden burn to the ground in retaliation for uncountable false alarms? Last but certainly not least, the professional cleaning crews that arrived Tuesday morning were the best thing to happen to Holden in years. They scrubbed down the walls of the entire dorm in all floors, ridding the dorm of the tangible residue and leaving behind the sparkle of clean cinderblocks.

Bravo to all who helped make the best of a horrible situation.

Flames of hell for the rest of 'em

While the fires were blazing in Holden and heroics were blossoming on the south end of campus, the north end burned with blatant immaturity. Some idiot in Babcock actually pulled the fire alarm, a slap in the face to the department that was working to save Holden. The Stevenson sign was wrenched from its post. And Compton, normally one of the more placid dorms around, nearly lost its marker as well. It was the type of random stupidity that you might expect from junior high punks or high schoolers trying to look tough. It certainly did not exemplify the best of college behavior.

When the College is in a time of crisis and students' lives are turning to ashes, tomfoolery should not be high on anyone's list of priorities. There are times when the community needs to band together, times when acting like a moron is not only annoying but downright disgusting. Pulling the fire alarm on a normal night is bad enough; pulling it while your friends' room is actually on fire is another. The *Voice* calls on all alarm pullers to jump in a lake and sink into the muck. We don't appreciate your antics, and neither does the WFD.

S(ilent) G(overnment) A(ction)

DAWN PACKER

SGA began its year with lousy voter turnout at the election, as usual, and almost none of the old guard returning, although that — with a few notable exceptions — wasn't much of a loss. In fact, this year's shiny new Senate seemed, and still seems, to be the best in recent memory.

Although Parliamentary Eric Bakken chastised the Senate recently for going three weeks without bringing up any new business, last week's warning note about possible class rank errors proved that SGA can act (and act quickly) in the best interest of the student body when the need arises. But the fact that they can act in the students' best interest doesn't mean that they always do.

Then again, sometimes no one knows whose interests SGA serves. It's difficult to determine from behind closed doors, which is where non-members have found themselves more than a few times lately.

Executive session requires that all persons who are not a member of the Senate or Cabinet leave the room so that the body can deliberate freely. The format has been invoked

most frequently for SGA to discuss letters of intent from students who wish to fill a vacant seat. Normally this works well for all involved. Few people wish to hear their fates decided and most are happy to wait outside a closed door.

The recent occurrences surrounding Marjorie Clayman's application to become a Senator have raised questions about the legitimate use of executive session.

Should an applicant be given the choice to listen to the deliberations? Clayman requested to stay during the re-consideration of her application but was denied.

Should what is said in executive session be forever sealed from the public? Courtney White admitted to violating the policy of silence, if due to misunderstanding, and at the following meeting, the Cabinet issued a formal statement about the importance of confidentiality.

Earlier in the year, SGA criticized the *Voice* for a violation of trust — informing the student body about the amounts of money allocated to student groups by the student government. The letter stating their grievances, which appeared in the *Voice* on Oct. 29, had been discussed and voted on after SGA invoked executive session. On that

particular night, there were no student observers other than the *Voice* representative at the meeting. If there had been, should they have been denied the opportunity to hear their representatives' concerns about their newspaper?

The combination of these incidents would seem to raise questions about the nature of this "representative" body. True, few and far between are the student observers. But if students wish to know what their representatives are doing, they should be able to find out, whether by seeing it for themselves or by reading about it in the paper the next day. Bi-weekly submissions to the Pot fail to do justice to either SGA or the student body.

Despite the fact that it is more capable and more enthusiastic than any of its counterparts in the recent past, this year's SGA fails, perhaps, to grasp a concept critical to its legitimacy: public accountability for its actions.

There are several Senate seats opening for next semester. Follow Clayman's advice from last week and apply for one of them. It may be the only way to get the full picture.

Dawn Packer is the enchanting Co-Editor of The Wooster Voice

Greedy owners ruin pro sports

BRIAN LITTLE

Over Thanksgiving break I was lucky enough to attend a Lions game. The Lions were playing the Steelers, and I was really looking forward to it. Once I got to the stadium and found my seat, I noticed that something was wrong. I glanced around and saw that all around me were Pittsburgh fans. When the Steelers took the field I saw a sea of black and gold all over the stadium. They almost got as loud of a cheer as Detroit. The game went on and I saw that many of the people around me who were rooting for the Lions were hardly cheering at all. There were some men in fancy suits discussing business while exciting plays were going on. When I went to the bathroom, I glanced in the luxury suites and saw people sitting around a table having cocktails. No one was even watching the game!

I suppose this is no surprise. I think everyone saw it coming. It took me some time to realize what is happening to the fan: the fan is being killed by corporations. I saw this slowly begin to happen when I went to Pistons and Red Wings games while I was growing up, but now it's really getting out of hand. Corporations are using professional

sports events as a business tool. They buy up some tickets and then use them to entertain clients. That's why you see people from the opposing team attending games so often these days. The businessmen do not care about the game at all, and yet have better seats than I will ever be

getting out of the parking lot early is more important to you than watching a great game, you're not a fan and you shouldn't be at the game in the first place.

The issue is money. There is no getting around it, either. The way sports teams now operate earns them the most money. More money means better players. If a team decided to organize themselves to suit the true fans, providing more cheap seats, they wouldn't make as much money. Their organization would suffer as a result of this. The only possible solution would be if all of the owners in sports got together and decided to change the way they are running things. Thanks to good old-fashioned greed, the odds that the owners will change things are about as good as the odds of Richard Simmons getting struck by lightning eight times on a clear day.

It gets harder and harder to find fans in good seats anymore. The nosebleed seats can often be the best seats in the house. It's the only place where everyone loves the home team and cheering is a group effort. Although the fan will never die out completely, it's a shame that they'll never have good seats.

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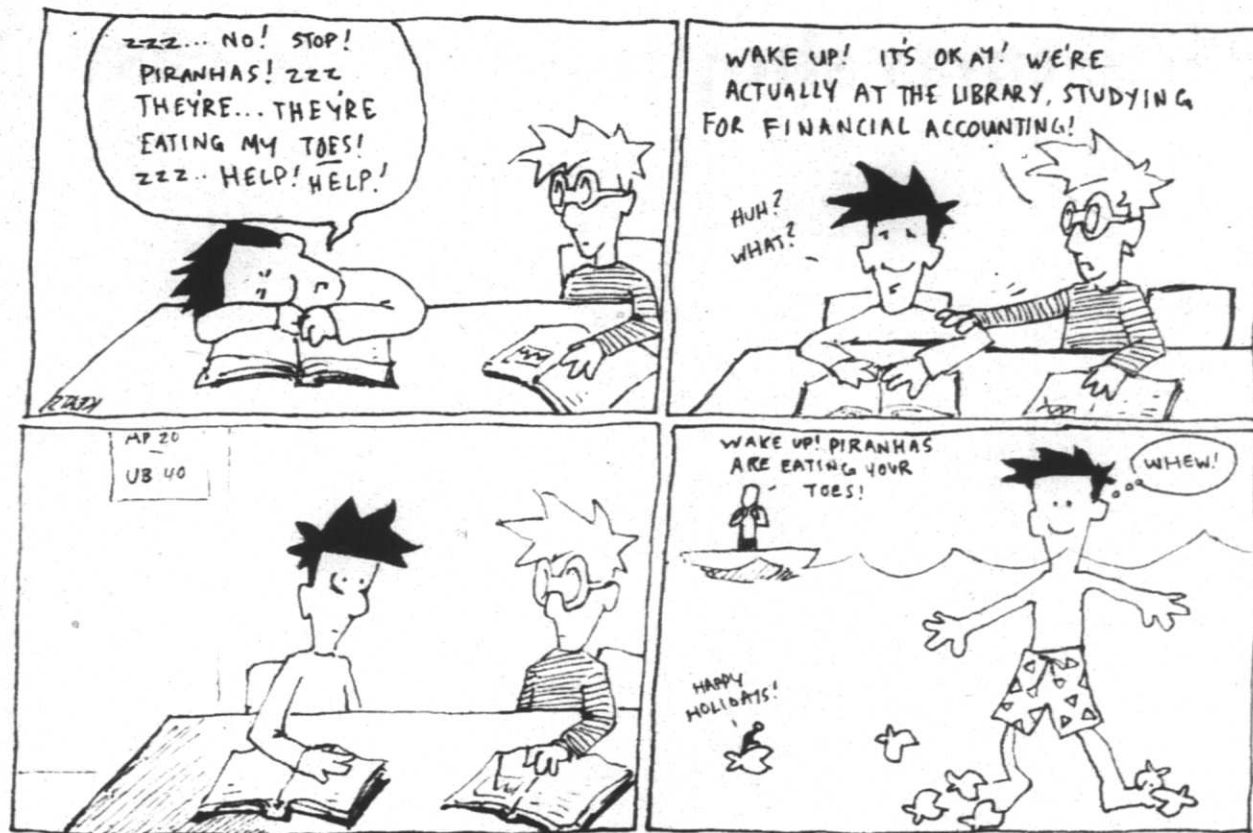
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Watchdog should watch its step

KUNAL SINGH

Last week an article appeared in this section of *The Voice* in which the writer expressed his views on why America's policy relating to Iraq is justified. The views expressed by this author reflect a rather naive and ignorant orientation of world affairs, and a few clarifications are in order.

To begin with, let's get the facts straight. There is no danger that Saddam Hussein is going to take the world hostage or start a nuclear war. Any kind of nuclear program that Iraq had was destroyed in the early stages of the Gulf War, and even at that time the program was several years away from having the capacity to produce a workable bomb. What United Nations Inspectors are inspecting today are not potential nuclear weapon installations, but rather potential chemical and biological weapon facilities that Hussein might clandestinely be operating. As for the question of Iraq launching intercontinental missiles to various parts of the globe, this idea is even more preposterous, for Hussein no longer even possesses intermediate missiles in his arsenal, let alone the longer range variety. Any military threat that the United States is thus trying to stave off through military action is confined within the Persian Gulf.

The issue then is not the possibility of a nuclear winter in Wooster as the author suggested, but the strategic economic interests of the United States that are represented in the Gulf. The involvement of the United States in that region has from

the beginning been for purely economic considerations, and this continues to be the case. Otherwise, why is it that the United States has chosen to remain a passive onlooker in countless other conflicts that have erupted around the world?

I am not implying that it is wrong to intervene in Iraq. Saddam is unquestionably a tyrant and leaving

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him alone to his own devices would be a mistake. However, does this mean that every time he shows a little attitude the U.S. proceeds with threats of war? I don't think so. The United States' western allies such as Britain or France have as great of an interest in ensuring that peace and stability are maintained in the middle east, but one does not see them going the military route every time something happens.

The U.S. might do well to cooperate more closely with its allies before it goes barging in on its own as the world's police force. Diplomacy always has its merits. Bombs and missiles on the other hand, affect innocent civilians who are not responsible for the situation, only further antagonizing these people against the U.S., while increasing the popularity of their devilish dictator.

A case can be made for the U.S. violating Iraq's sovereignty, given their leader's past track record.

However, does that mean that the U.S. can go about violating the sovereignty of other countries at will? Apparently it does. Following the U.S. embassy bombings earlier this year, Clinton decided to Tomahawk a supposed ammunitions factory outside Khartoum, Sudan, and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan where the mastermind of the operation was supposedly hiding. The latter exercise actually involved violating Pakistan's airspace. Even if we assume that the factory was involved in the activities the U.S. claims it was (which itself is open to debate), these actions fall into a gray area, and rightly subject the U.S. to much criticism.

The United States is not really the world's watchdog as people like to believe. It watches only what it wants to see and ignores the rest. How else can one explain the renewal of China's most favored nation (MFN) status year after year despite the fact that it is common knowledge that that country has been violating nuclear nonproliferation laws by selling nuclear and missile technology to Pakistan and possibly even Iran? China is also a repeated and consistent violator of human rights, but this is generally ignored by the Clinton administration.

Ultimately, the reality is that United States foreign policy is guided solely by economics. Moral issues generally take a back seat. As for its reputation, its actions can only keep reducing its number of fans around the world.

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Letter: holiday spirit Compassion need not end December 31

To the Editor:

Welcome to the Season of Peace, the Season of Tolerance, the Season of Love and Hope and Joy. What season is it that I'm talking about? Oh come on, you know, it's the time in between Thanksgiving and Christmas! For two months out of the year we pour our hearts and money and hands into helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Don't get me wrong, I love the idea of having a season of peace and tolerance. I just wish we could spread all this loving energy for the months following and leading up to November and December!

Every station you turn to on TV is promoting some holiday toy drive, or requesting pledges for children with cancer, or food for the homeless. "Can you find it in your heart during the holiday season to help someone in need?" This is the message constantly being fed to us. The question should really be, "Can you find it in your heart to help someone in need, regardless of the season?"

Throughout Junior High and High School, I worked in a homeless shelter in Los Angeles where I helped serve dinner to about 500 homeless men and women. Unfortunately we only had enough food for about 100 people, except of course during Thanksgiving and Christmas when we had more food in one day than in an entire year put together. I don't know about you, but I don't know too many people, starving or not, who can put away four whole turkeys in one sitting! This time of year is always discouraging for me.

I can't understand why we put so much effort and compassion into two months and then go about our lives while we wait for December to roll along again, before we think seriously about another Season of Peace. Certainly we are capable of a longer attention span than this. So I would like to encourage everyone not to hold out all your compassion and empathy for a special season, but to spread the compulsion you feel to give and spread love and cheer during the holidays to every day. Hunger, poverty, illness and abuse do not disappear once the holidays do, so why should our compassion and our dedication to preserving the idea of a Season of Peace disappear?

Dana Sommers '99

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Question Of The Week

Why is there no Voice Question Of The Week in this issue? Doesn't the paper want to promote the sharing of ideas?

Answer: Who really cares? Apparently not anyone on this campus. With people on campus whining that the Voice is a tabloid paper, a little support when we call for change would be appreciated. Why wouldn't a student want to offer his solutions to issues which affect him or her? We can't figure it out.

Have a good break, and come back willing to take a stand on issues which formerly were only anonymous complaints.



Some first-years survived, but not all were happy.

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First-years get the shaft

MARY NIENABER
STAFF WRITER

I really wasn't sure what to expect as I approached the PEC last Saturday morning. As I entered, I realized that the registration experience was going to be an every man for himself situation. Nervous students pressed close together, with no regard for personal space. We were herded like cattle to the next waiting pen. One after another, the classes were announced and met with dramatic sighs and expletives from the mouths of those with unlucky draw numbers.

I was beginning to worry about what would I do if I didn't get into the classes I needed. What if I had to stay in college for five years? What if I had to take a science class with a lab? The staff from the Registrar's office didn't exactly calm my fears with their words of wisdom. Now, this is your first arena registration. This isn't like your first registration at Kittredge with the balloons and the food and everybody helping you along. This is everyone for themselves.

I ran frantically into the gym, not knowing which of my classes was most important. I was so frazzled that I tried to register for my geology class at the archaeology table. I finally skidded out of the arena, fairly untraumatized. My number 17 was close to the beginning of the first-year pack and I still almost got

shut out of some important classes. What happened to those with the dreaded number 20 draw?

Melanie DeNardo '02, who held a number 20, couldn't get the right class to fill her science distribution. "I couldn't get into a general science class, and now I have to take this advanced 200 level class that I am not going to use for my major and will probably not do well in."

Heidi Erdmann '02, also holding a number 20, was upset over the difficulty. "Wooster is supposed to be this great liberal arts college, but how are we supposed to take all these great classes if we can't get into any of them?" she asked.

Ryan McNally '02 received only one class he wanted. "The most depressing thing is waiting to get in and listening to every class you want be systematically ticked off as closed."

The question remains as to how to solve this registration headache. Many have suggested that the draw process not be so random, and instead, students' numbers should be kept track of, so that if you receive a low number in one draw, you get a higher number next time. Others suggest that first-years and sophomores be required to take a certain number of distribution classes to prevent upper classmen from taking those spots because they have put off those requirements.

"We just need more openings!" one first-year said. The Class of 2002 is simply desperate.

Have you ever wondered?

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Have you ever wondered what is in your food? According to our sources: the FDA allows approximately 30 insect fragments and one rodent hairs per 100 grams of peanut butter.

Emily Welty and Dana Sommers

Christmas shopping made easy

She says, shop selfishly

SARAH FENSKE
Co-EDITOR

Shopping for men is complicated. After all, you don't have the option of picking up some little Hallmark teddy bear and three roses from Buehler's and calling it a gift. Shopping effectively for the men in your life requires a bit more energy.

The best way to approach gift-giving is obviously to buy a gift that would benefit you. My sister Rachel is a master at this: every Christmas, she gets our brother a CD. He doesn't like the group, but that's not the point. The point is that he's a nice guy, so he'll open it, play it twice and then generously ask Rachel if maybe she'd like to borrow it for a while. It works like magic, and Mark is so gullible, she has actually pulled this off for three consecutive years.

Keeping Rachel's strategy in mind, here are some gift options for the five most important men in your life. Remember the basic maxim: this gift must benefit me.

1. Boyfriend. True, your guy usually wears sweatpants and ratty tees from high school. He may prefer a sweatshirt to an Abercrombie sweater, but that doesn't mean he gets that sweatshirt. Your boyfriend is not just the man you love; he is your arts-and-craft project, and Christmas is a great time for big strides. Buy him the clothes you want him to wear; if he's really a good man, he'll wear them no matter how much it pains him ... if only for the guilt factor.

2. Hook-up. You don't need to worry about making your hook-ups look presentable, since their hook-up status means you never take them out in public anyway. Hook-ups are luckier than boyfriends, since you give them the gift all men really want. We're talking cheap beer, my friends, the cheapest beer around. Think about it. Beer says you enjoy your drunken hook-ups, but cheap beer adds that you are not trying to bully him into anything more. For hookups you are trying to dump ever-so-subtly, think Schaefer.

3. Guy pal. For the platonic guy friend, you can't go wrong with a movie. The main thing is not to put too much time or effort into it; that way, you won't be disappointed when you get nothing from him. Check the bargain sections of Wal-Mart and Odd Lots. You might find a Kevin Costner classic like "Waterworld" or "The Postman." If he likes these flops, you're in luck. If not, pawn it off as a joke.

4. Brother. Think about my brilliant little sister. Think about music you like and your brother doesn't. If you like manly groups,

you may be out of luck. If you're into Mariah Carey, plan on losing the CD jacket, but in two weeks, the CD itself will be yours. If that's a good thing, that is ...

5. Dad. What does your dad want? To spend time with you, of course. What do you want? How about tickets to see Aerosmith? Why not buy two tickets? Everyone wins.

He says, spend little on devil women

LUKE LINDBERG
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The holidays are just around the corner. That means Christmas trees, holiday lights and a few loaded relatives at those holiday parties. But above all, it means that you have to buy a gift for your girlfriend.

Women are never honest about what they want. They whine. They complain. They often give you the classic "Oh, I don't need anything" line or the "Please don't spend a lot of money on me" grabber. Translated, these two comments mean "You damn well better get me something incredible" and "You should spend more money on me than you ever have on anyone else ... ever!!"

Women never say what they mean. Especially around the holidays. Therefore, to assist all you boyfriends out there who are in bad need of making a trip to the mall, here are a few suggestions. Don't listen to women when they claim they don't need anything. They test us, hoping to brainwash us into spending as much money as possible on them. **DO NOT BE PULLED INTO THE TRAP.** Here is some advice on how to avoid it and what to buy.

5. Clothes. This is classic. Chicks dig clothes. And sometimes, women don't know as much about clothes as you thought they did. Women know they don't know that much about clothes. We men know this. They know we know. Everyone knows!!

We just choose not to admit it. Therefore, the ultimate weasel Christmas gift for the ball and chain is a sweater off the discount rack at the Gap.

4. Perfume. This is perfect, too. Women love perfume. You could put a turd in a bottle and make a scent out of it. They would buy it. So just go up to the perfume counter and ask what the cheapest thing is. Trust me, the lady at the counter will understand because women buy the same type of thing for men. They shop cheap. They look for bargains.

3. Jewelry. Women melt over jewelry. They love it more than they love you. Accept it. It's true. Therefore, you can get them cheap jewelry and it won't matter.

In fact, I recommend digging up a piece of coal, getting someone who knows how to whittle and creating your own jewelry masterpiece. It will be from the heart. In fact, it won't cost you a lot, either. And that's the main point anyway.

2. Pets. Chicks dig live things too. Things that look cute. You may be cute but you don't have that furry mane that women love so much. A kitten or puppy is a prime gift.

This can be cheap, too. For example, for a couple weeks, just scout the house of someone who has a pet. When you are sure they are not going to be home, go steal their pet. Then give it to your girlfriend like you bought it yourself.

1. Puffkins. This is the greatest gift that you can ever get your girlfriend. Basically, they are small stuffed animals that look like obese Beanie Babies. Get her whatever type of animal she really likes. If you don't pay attention when she says what she likes, ask her friends. It's not worth paying attention for.

Women name these things names like "Snarfy" and carry them around the room saying, "Oh! Look how cute."

If you are at a two or three year anniversary, you may want to splurge and get her two.

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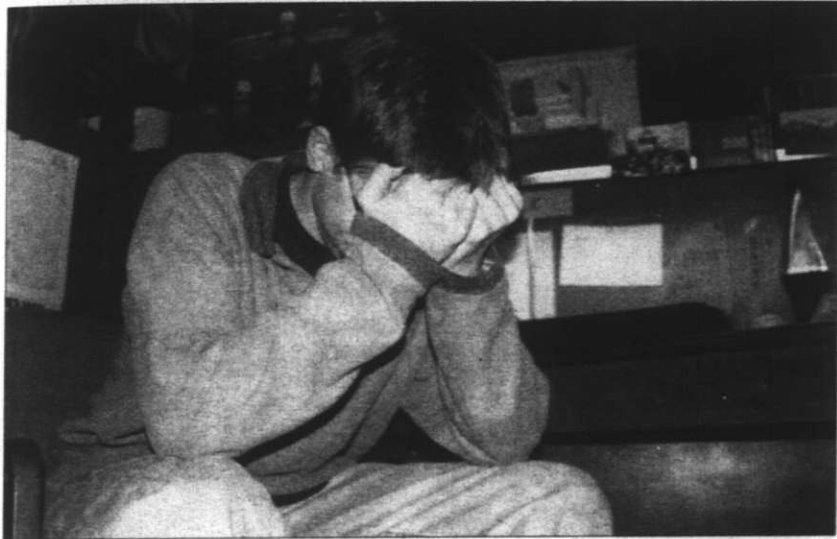


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Depression hurts.

DAN SHORTRIDGE
NEWS EDITOR

with a bottle in his hand, walked to the bathroom, took a gulp of water, and downed the entire bottle of pills. He was found doubled over on the tile floor, over an hour later, by a

SYMPTOMS of DEPRESSION

- constant feelings of sadness and hopelessness
- inappropriate guilt
- loss of pleasure in formerly enjoyable activities
- fatigue, loss of energy, lethargy
- sleeping disorders, such as insomnia, oversleeping or early-morning awakening
- appetite problems, such as weight loss or gain
- problems concentrating, making decisions, and remembering
- thoughts of death or suicide

Aaron felt terrible. He had lost his appetite and was sleeping 12 hours a day. He skipped class regularly. His friends on the tennis team noticed that the high school tennis star didn't seem to enjoy playing any more. He forgot appointments and couldn't focus long enough to plan his day. He felt sluggish and lethargic at some times, restless and irritable at others. He felt like crying, almost always. He couldn't figure out why. One Friday night it became too much.

Aaron's roommate was out with his girlfriend. Andrews was deserted. He stumbled out of his room

friend who had come looking for him. Rushed to the hospital, Aaron survived.

Many others like him aren't so lucky.

Lucky? Feeling like crap, always depressed, not able to find joy in anything is lucky?

You bet. Aaron was lucky, because he survived.

Depression can kill. It almost did, in his case. And even in cases where a person suffering from depression does not attempt suicide, that person can still be crippled for life.

Over 17 million Americans have feelings of intense apathy, loss of self-worth, inexplicable sadness and worthlessness and inappropriate sensations of guilt, coupled with an inability to focus and a loss of pleasure in formerly enjoyable activities, each year. One adult in 10 suffers a depressive episode at some point in their life.

CAUSES

College students suffer from depression in even greater numbers. A

1996 Roper-Starch poll indicated that one in four students feel "down" or "blue" at least once a week, and that one in five worry that their depression is above normal levels. The combined stresses of academic demands, social and peer pressures, lack of sleep, not enough exercise, and improper or irregular nutrition can be enough to make students feel

"down in the dumps." Those stresses can be exacerbated or increased by sudden, important

changes, such as death in the family, the end of an important relationship or a financial problem.

But the causes of depression are not just situational, according to the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH). There is evidence that depression may be a biological or genetic condition. A 1994 NIMH report said that "major depressive disorder is often associated with having too little or too much of certain neuro-chemicals." Low levels of the chemical serotonin have been linked to depression in many cases.

TREATMENT

Almost two-thirds of people suffering from a depressive disorder do not get appropriate treatment. The symptoms are either not recognized, blamed on a "personal weakness," too crippling for a person to get help or misdiagnosed, according to a booklet published by NIMH. And only one out of eight college students have sought medical help or

advice for depression, anxiety or stress, according to the Roper-Starch report.

But despite those numbers, depression is treatable. NIMH estimates that "80 percent of the people with serious depression — even those with the most severe forms — can improve significantly."

The most common therapy treatments include counseling and medication. There are a number of anti-depressants on the market — Prozac being only the most common example — which are not habit-forming. These medications, though, are not 100 percent effective; not all anti-depressants work for every individual. In some cases, the dosage must be increased over time to have any effect.

Awareness is critical. This semester alone, Security has been called in to deal with four threatened or attempted suicides. If you or someone you know has these symptoms, please use one of the resources shown below.

GETTING HELP

ON CAMPUS

- Counselors at Hygeia, x2319
- Safe House - peer counselors who specialize in issues of sexuality, x2715
- members of the Residence Life staff

ON THE NET

- The National Institutes of Mental Health: www.nimh.nih.gov
- The Depression Awareness, Recognition, and Treatment Program: www.nimh.nih.gov/dart/
- An on-line screening test for certain depressive symptoms: www.med.nyu.edu/Psych/screens/depres.html

1968-69: McGaw gets the OK

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Architect's Plan Okayed; Chapel Goes Underground

At the Trustees' meeting this past weekend, the Board enthusiastically accepted the early designs of Victor Christ-janer for the proposed new chapel. The architect was given permission to proceed with the designs and plans.

"A work of art or architecture," says Christ-janer, "is an object whose intention is to communicate a feeling." And he said of his proposed design that it has in some sense an embodiment of the change coming in Western Society.

He then quickly traced the social-aesthetic history of Western man through an emphasis on ra-

tionalism and theological dualism to present posture which he describes as a labyrinthian man moving in a combined space. "What one says about a building has something to do with the irrational in man. There are elements here [in the chapel designed by Christ-janer] which relate in some intuitive way to feelings."

With references to Dostoyevsky's "Notes from the Underground," Christ-janer revealed that the new chapel will be largely underground with the roof as an island-like garden. "On a roof you are on an island in a unique relation to a cosmology," said Christ-janer. "A garden is an restatement of paradise."

Plans have moved only through the eye-development stage to date. Now the design must be translated into budget and the technicalities of the construction, according to Christ-janer.

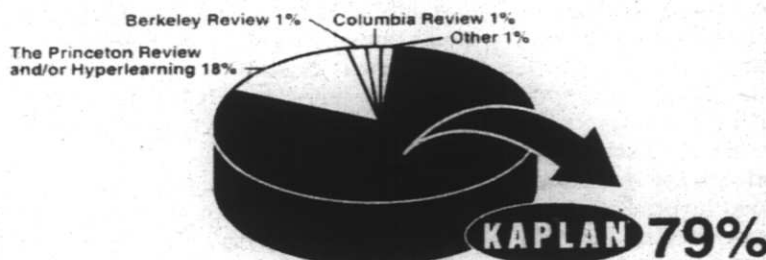
Drushal to Receive Boxed Chapel Cards SGA Christmas Gift

President Drushal will receive a box of chapel cards and personal notes from students for Christmas. Between 250-300 students, in an open meeting Wednesday voted to have SGA representatives collect cards at the Friday lecture by Dick Gregory. The cards are then to be sent to Drushal as support of Trevor Sharp's proposal that the final decision on chapel attendance procedure be made by the Campus Council when that body begins to function.

Students present also agreed to write personal notes to Drushal stating their feelings about chapel and support of Sharp's proposal.

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Fun with big guns at our very own Laser Zone

KATIE HUBER
Co-A&E Editor

The scene: Friday night. Country Kitchen is, as always, loaded with townies, and your dorm is burning to the ground. Nowhere to go and nothing to do? Why not call up your carnal instincts and head to Acres of Fun for something completely different.

Acres of Fun, located right behind Wooster's beloved Wal-Mart, offers year-round entertainment for college students and locals alike. In the summer, mini-golf is the game of choice, offering a scenic view of Friendsville Road as the patrons putt through countless holes of strategic amusement. For those who crave a little more of an edge, the self-titled "family fun and recreation center" also sports a series of batting cages and a go-cart track.

Perhaps the biggest crowd-pleaser at Acres of Fun, however, is the Laser Zone. For five dollars, patrons spend 20 minutes in a dark, multi-level arena with nothing but their instincts and a laser-charged weapon. It doesn't get any better than this.

Like all of life's pleasures, Laser Quest can involve a waiting period before each game, sometimes as long as an hour. Still, this is usually only on weekend evenings, and, besides, it leaves ample time to play video games in the lobby. With everything from air hockey to Area 51, the wait goes quickly and can earn you enough tokens to buy that Beanie Baby you've been salivating over since July.

Also, the longer the wait, the better the game will be. If you get right into a game, it usually means there's hardly anyone there, and you may be left playing with only four or five people — not much of a challenge. Since the ideal number is around 15 players, it's not a

bad idea to get a large group of people together and hit the arena at a less popular time, such as "school nights" from five to 10 p.m. or right after Acres of Fun opens at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Whether you're a first time gamer or a pro, the game's debriefing is extensive, and necessarily so. One of the staff members will take you into a dark, depressing cubicle and remind you extensively that there is to be no running, climbing, swearing, laying down, using sharp objects, etc.

They also provide a map of the arena for new players, and show you how to put on the laser equipment and maneuver the gun.

This is particularly essential; if you don't hold the gun correctly, it won't fire, and you'll spend the entire game as prey for a group of bloodthirsty pre-pubescent.

"It's a lot of fun, but sometimes I get scared because it's so dark," commented Sonny Bare '00.

Jenny Koehler '01 disagreed: "It makes me feel like I'm back in 'Nam. It brings out my true animal spirit."

When they release you into the arena, your choices seem endless. There are three mines scattered throughout that are very beneficial to shoot; each one renders 1000 points if deactivated. Also, you can choose to take an eagle's approach by ascending either of two ramps to an upper level, where it is easy to snipe off unsuspecting youngsters wandering beneath you.

"Usually I try not to hurt people, but as soon as I walked into the arena, my friends became the enemy — the bad guys I had to hit," said Shannon Dombeck '02. "It's a lot of fun."

This is one activity where practice makes perfect; it's extremely hard to do well the first



Get ready to shoot someone!

PHOTO BY BEN SPIELDENNER

few times out — only after you test different strategies will you know what's right for you.

Upon leaving the arena, each player receives a score card with his or her playing statistics. The cards at Acres of Fun are more extensive than some others, including the percentage of accuracy, total point value, ranking and the amount and location of each shot made and taken.

Unlike some other arenas, Acres of Fun does NOT allow customers to plug in a code name when they play. This is mostly used as a gimmick to sell their Laser Zone memberships, which give patrons a dollar off every game, a free game on the day of purchase, an extended score card, a member button, a shorter briefing period and the chance to par-

ticipate in special member nights.

Acres of Fun also features a variety of other tactics to attract customers, particularly on Thursday nights, when all students get a dollar off the regular laser quest price.

Not all students were overly impressed with the Laser Zone as others they had visited. "I think it's too small, for one thing," Andrew Weaver '01 commented. "You can't run, you can't lay down, you can't squat ... The overall experience was disappointing. But I won!"

"It's a fun way to spend time," Joe Jaquette '01 said. "The price, though, is a bit high for the amount of time they give you."

Still, Acres of Fun is worth a shot. After all, where else can you shoot your friends and test your aim for only five dollars?

Join in reindeer games — holiday films better than finals

MOLLY MCKINNEY
Staff Writer

With Florida-like temperatures for the last two weeks, getting into the holiday spirit may have proven difficult. Even though the temperatures are back to normal, a good way to put yourself in the holiday spirit is by watching cheesy Christmas movies.

Whether from the local video store or on network TV, Christmas movies are a great way to feel the holiday spirit and be lazy all at the same time. We rented three different types of movies to review for your rental guide: a contemporary movie, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," a classical musical favorite, "White Christmas," and a holiday staple, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." Each movie was watched, rated and discussed. Here are the results of the holiday movie panel:

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" Made only a few years ago, this movie has become a holiday classic, so to speak. It is a third in a series of "Vacation" movies, starring the Griswold family, for whom nothing ever seems to go as planned. As in the first two movies, Clark (Chevy Chase) and Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo) remain the same,

but their children Audrey (a very young Juliette Lewis) and Russ (a pre-Roseanne Johnny Galecki) are played by different people in every movie. This is one downfall, what viewer Mandy Seuffert '02 refers to as "relative inconsistency."

However, that is about the only flaw in the movie. The animated credits foreshadow the intense comedy of this film. The wacky relatives such as Cousin Eddie and Aunt Bethany could easily be your relatives, but feel lucky they are not! Almost everyone could relate to this movie, especially if they had experienced a holiday event where nothing went right. Steve Baughman '01 thinks the movie "makes us all glad our families aren't like that!"

Some especially funny scenes involve the trip to the mall, the Christmas light ordeal and the final 20 minutes of the film. Dave West '01 enjoyed the acting in the film, stating that "Chevy Chase is the king of comedy!" The panel gave this movie a unanimous 10: it truly exemplifies comedic genius.

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" This movie is truly a holiday classic, a perfect movie for anyone who enjoys big song and dance numbers.

Set at the end of World War II, the story focuses on two former soldiers-turned-famous

performers who help to improve the business at the Vermont inn of their former general with their showmanship abilities. As in all old movies, there is a double-romance plot and lots of singing and dancing. Although some of the phrases are cheesy and the storyline unbelievable at times, this movie is enjoyable to watch. The costuming is magnificent, and the songs, such as "White Christmas," are so catchy you'll be singing them for weeks. Perhaps Steve Baughman '01 sums it up best, saying, "White Christmas rocks!" The final rating for this movie is an 8, but probably would have been higher about 40 years ago.

Our final movie, **"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,"** is a childhood favorite, one that everyone has seen at least once in their life. Done in "claymation" and narrated by the famous Burl Ives, this is the story of a little reindeer denied the chance to be on Santa's team. Rudolph makes some other outcast friends and runs away, eventually returning to save Christmas with the nose that once made him an outsider.

Though you may remember this movie from your childhood, it takes on an entirely new meaning when you watch it as an adult. For starters, you can't help but notice that Santa refuses to accept Rudolph only because his

nose is red, and once it is covered up, Santa changes his mind. Herbie, one of Santa's elves, is strongly discouraged from being a dentist because he has to be an elf. To make matters worse, all of the reject toys, like a doll missing a nose for example, are banished to live on a remote island. For most of the movie, Santa is more discriminatory than jolly, and he is only redeemed in the end when he finds he can actually profit from Rudolph's nose. This movie is saved by its classic claymation and catchy tunes, but Rudolph's nose gives off a high-pitched screeching noise that gets annoying after awhile.

Our panel was not too accepting of "Rudolph." Clark Colby '00 said, "I didn't care for Rudolph." And Andy DeYoung '02 feels that Rudolph has "some serious moral issues that younger viewers may miss." Although the final rating was a 7, Dave West '01 added that it has "moral dilemmas that make you want to rate it a 4."

These movies and other classics are available in the special holiday sections at both Blockbuster and Hollywood video, but make sure you get there early; these movies are popular and won't last long on the shelves.

With assistance by Daren Batke

Kiss: still firing up the crowd

LUKE LINDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

In the middle of his five minute guitar solo this Sunday at Gund Arena, Kiss guitarist Ace Frehley arched his back and fired two mortar shells out of his guitar. The first hit a guitar that had been levitated to the arena roof minutes before. The second took out a set of lights behind the stage.

Displays like this are commonplace at Kiss shows. The band, consisting of Frehley, frontman Paul Stanley, bassist Gene Simmons and drummer Peter Criss, reunited in 1996 after a 16-year hiatus. The 1996 reunion tour was the year's most profitable and showed the world that the band who invented rock-and-roll theatrics was not quite finished.

This fall, the quartet released "Psycho Circus," their first album of original material since 1980's "Dynasty." The supporting tour, featuring 3-D effects, rolled into Cleveland on Sunday, attracting a crowd of 18,000.

The band thundered onto the elaborate stage with the title track from their new album, setting off fireworks and emitting smoke and mortar shells. The four looked and sounded fantastic as they rifled

through "Circus," "Shout it Out Loud," "Deuce" and "Do You Love Me."

Four large screens projected the 3-D images of the band, which fans could see with the help of glasses that were passed out upon entrance to the show. Although it was an interesting premise, after awhile the fans gave up on the often uncomfortable glasses and decided to watch the band itself instead.

Stanley was the concert's ringmaster, leading Kiss through a number of hits with his ridiculous monologues and even worse public service messages. At one point, he reminded the crowd not to drink and drive and then led the band into a version of their 1974 hit "Cold Gin."

Stanley often does not make a lot of sense. He isn't even a very good rhythm guitarist. He could stop playing altogether and most of the crowd would not even notice. But he is a great frontman who plays off the energy of both the crowd and his bandmates.

Stanley and Kiss' theatrics continued throughout the evening, with each member having his own solo. Frehley fired mortar shells out of his guitar. Simmons, who blew a six-foot flame out of his mouth dur-

ing "Firehouse," spit blood and was then levitated 75 feet in the air to lead the band in a version of "God of Thunder."

Criss' drum set was lifted off the stage during his solo, spewing smoke and fire in the process. And Stanley boarded what he called a "flying machine" that transported him three quarters of the way through the arena to a small stage where he introduced "Love Gun."

Kiss is all about putting on a great show. They have to be, because they are not very gifted musically. Criss remains a terrible drummer, Stanley's guitar is more of a prop than anything else and Frehley fires more mortar shells out of his instrument than actual chords.

But for pure showmanship, no one beats Kiss. Although in their 40s, the band still has the charisma of 10 Matchbox 20s and 100 Barenaked Ladies. Their tours remain the greatest shows on Earth.

The band closed its regular set with the seminal "Rock and Roll All Nite," while unleashing an array of confetti and fireworks upon the crowd. Seen as a rock-and-roll anthem, the song brought a number of show stopping moments, complete with billows of smoke and four foot high green flames.

The encores included Criss' "Beth," "Detroit Rock City," and the unusual choice of "Black Diamond," which, as one of Kiss' lesser-known hits, was a strange piece to end with.

The most shocking absences were "Strutter" and the ballad "Hard Luck Woman."

Even with these absences, however, the reunited Kiss lineup put on a show that was every bit as explosive as their concerts during the heyday of the 1970s.

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The Gospel according to St. Matthew, set to song

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Godspell is inspirational

LAUREN KULCHAWIK
A&E Co-Editor

Forget Santa; forget Dancer, Prancer and Blitzen. Christmas is about hope and love. It's about the birth of Jesus. For this reason, you'll gain more spirit by going to see "Godspell" than fighting the crowds at Tower City Mall.

A joint production by Wooster High School and the College, "Godspell" is a musical based on the retelling of the stories of Jesus' teachings in the Gospel of Matthew. "It encompasses moral values from across the whole globe — a universal message. You don't have to be of a certain creed to get insight from 'Godspell,'" said Rashad Burnley '01, who plays Lamar.

Director Dale Shields had considered organizing a production with the high school for some time, and Rick Stork, who is in charge of its theater program, helped make the show a reality. Information for auditions was posted around Area 5's high schools to recruit the cast. Auditions required short improvisation and a song from a popular musical.

One might assume that the high school students would be lacking a mature approach towards theater. But according to Maha McCain '99, "They're awesome ... this is a very good learning experience for them. Dale has been coaching us for four years, yet he's using the same techniques for Godspell, so we're giving the high school students the chance to work on a very high level. We look at it like we're big brothers and big sisters."

"The level of professionalism has been amazing. We've only been practicing on the weekends and only

had the full cast three times for rehearsal ... I don't think anyone else besides Dale could have pulled off this show in such a short amount of time," said Assistant Director/Stage Manager Mike Sestili '99.

The cast has no starring roles except for Jesus, played by Jesse McMeekin '00. College performers include Rashad Burnley '01, Jessica Howard '99 and Maha McCain '99. James Beaudry '01 has choreographed "Godspell": "I've tried to combine theatrical movement with typically spiritual themes. I took different styles from dance and tried to apply them to religious ritual movements."

The cast has formed a tight bond. "We're still cracking each other up onstage constantly, and sometimes we have to stop to compose ourselves," said McCain. "The show goes up and down in emotional dynamics, so it's nice as an actor to work with those levels."

Designers Dan Hatt '99, Sarah Mengers '99 and Adam Howarth '00 have made the show visually enthralling. "The costumes are very colorful, very motley," according to McCain. A roller coaster shaped set built with hints of wooden crucifixes provides multiple stage levels. The band features college students plus members of the community. It is directed by Toni Shreve.

Along with directing experience, Sestili has gained inner inspiration: "This show is very personal for me. It's about spirituality and what you believe in ... I see God in new ways each time I watch it, not just in Jesus but through the people onstage as well. We're trying to convey this to the audience. You find meaning in 'Godspell' even if you're not Catholic or Christian."

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Sports teams dive into winter break

No NBA, no razor for us

JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

In an effort to bring the NBA lockout to an end, two of Wooster's sports authorities have joined their formidable forces with CNN sports anchor Vince Cellini, a 1981 Wooster alumnus. I have convinced WCWS Sports Director Jacob Johnson '01 to join me in my plight to end the NBA lockout. Following Cellini's lead, neither Johnson or I will shave a hair until the lockout is over.

It all started one late night in the Voice office, when current Features Editor and former Sports Editor Luke Lindberg suggested the idea. Lindberg and I were all set to commit, until Lindberg's girlfriend said that she wouldn't shave if he didn't. With that, I had to find someone else to join me in chucking the razors.

Both have committed to keep facial hair until this ugly ordeal ends, and neither of us have to worry about a woman entering our lives and demanding a return of the razor.

It was difficult to find someone who was willing to risk beauty for a cause and not be restricted by a significant other or even the potential of one. Johnson and I were the perfect duo. Both have committed to keep facial hair until this ugly ordeal ends, and neither of us have to worry about a woman entering our lives and demanding a return of the razor.

For quite some time now, Cellini and his co-anchor Fred Hickman have vowed not to shave until the lockout ends, yet the lockout continues. Both Cellini and Hickman are now sporting goatees, and it is time for Johnson and I to join the cause. Soon, we will be as hairy as the swim team in February. Can the four of us alone convince the NBA owners to start the season?

The answer is no. We need your help in ending this sports catastrophe. Johnson and I are making an appeal to all Wooster students to stop shaving. You have nothing to lose but your significant others! Throw out your razors, and let the

true sports fans of the world unite!

It won't take long for the campus to catch on. And once the trend grabs hold in Wooster, it will only be a matter of time before it catches on nationally and the NBA owners will be forced to start the season. Wooster has long been at the center of national scandals, and this one will be no different.

Thirty-three years ago, Norman Morrison became the first person to self-immolate in protest against the Vietnam War. Morrison took this noble stand on the steps of the Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's Pentagon office window. Morrison was a Wooster graduate.

Twenty-five years ago, President Richard Nixon's Special Counsel

John Dean blew the whistle and went before Congress telling of Nixon's illegal involvement in Watergate burglary and the ensuing cover-up.

Dean is a Wooster graduate.

Last year at the height of the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, Nathaniel Speights served as a prominent member of Lewinsky's legal team, the only lawyer to survive the mid-scandal firing. Speights is a Wooster graduate and former editor of the Voice.

Inside Kauke's walls, an Emmy winner, a Noble Prize winning scientist, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, several Division I basketball coaches and an international opera star have been educated.

Nationally, Wooster is particularly renowned for its involvement in scandals, and the NBA lockout is no different. If you are willing to take a stand, together we can make a difference. Our history shows it: we have the power to challenge the ongoing labor strife.

The NBA owners will not be able to deny several million scruffy men their NBA games. More importantly, the NBA owners can not deny several million unhappy women, itching for their men to shave.



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Both the Scot and Lady Scot swim team will travel to the Florida Keys over Winter Break.

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JAMES ALLARDICE
SPORTS EDITOR

While most students are at home enjoying the Winter Break, athletes who participate in winter sports will continue to compete. Here is a preview of what each team can expect in the weeks to come.

Men's Basketball

Over the next month, the Scot basketball team will play nine games that will have a critical role in defining their season and their bid for a NCAC crown. Head Coach Steve Moore's team has jumped out to a fast start, but games against traditional NCAC powers Allegheny and Wittenberg still lurk in the future.

Tonight, the title run continues when the Scots get a chance for redemption. Last year Allegheny beat Wooster at the buzzer of the NCAC Tournament championship game and the Gators will come to Timken Gymnasium tonight also boasting a 4-1 record.

On Saturday the Scots will play host to Lake Erie, a team the 1997-98 Scots easily disposed of 73-49. Once winter break begins, the Scots will travel to take on Marymount (Dec. 19) and Goucher (Dec. 21) before returning home Dec. 28 to host the Mose Hole Kiwanis Classic.

The Scots will play host to Colby, Kenyon and Kalamazoo in the Mose Hole Classic. In the first round, the Scots will play Kalamazoo after the Colby Kenyon game at 6 p.m. The consolation game will be played Dec. 29 at 6 p.m., followed by the championship game. Last year the Scots beat Grove City in the opening round before losing to Ohio

Northern in the Championship game. After taking several days off, Moore's team will return to action in a critical NCAC game on Jan. 4 when the Scots travel to Springfield to take on Wittenberg. Always a tough game, the Tigers split last season's two match-ups with the Scots. Wooster's NCAC schedule heats up when they travel to Delaware and face Ohio Wesleyan on Jan. 8. The following day, Kenyon will come to Timken gymnasium.

Women's Basketball

The surging Lady Scot basketball team will only play four games over

the break. After the Nan Nichols Classic Friday and Saturday, the Lady Scots will not play until Dec. 30 when Lisa Campanelli Komara's team will play host to Seton Hill.

On Jan. 2, Wittenberg will come to Timken Gymnasium for a crucial NCAC match-up. The Lady Tigers were tabbed to win the NCAC title, but Wooster could be one of the surprises of the NCAC. Last season, Wooster was 1-1 against Wittenberg.

On Jan. 8 the Lady Scots will play host to Ohio Wesleyan. Next the Lady Scots will travel to Gambier to play Kenyon.

Men's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10 Allegheny 7:30 p.m. (H)
Dec. 12 Lake Erie 7:30 p.m. (H)
Dec. 19 Marymount 4 p.m. (A)
Dec. 21 Goucher 8 p.m. (A)
Dec. 28 Mose Hole Classic (H)
Dec. 29 Mose Hole Classic (H)
Jan. 4 Wittenberg 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 8 OWU 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 9 Kenyon 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 13 Oberlin 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 20 Denison 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 23 Earlham 3 p.m. (A)
Jan. 27 Allegheny 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 30 Wittenberg 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 6 Oberlin 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 10 OWU 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 13 CWRU 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 17 Kenyon 7:30 p.m. (A)
Feb. 20 Denison 3 p.m. (A)
Feb. 23 NCAC Quarter-finals
Feb. 26 NCAC Semi-finals
Feb. 27 NCAC Championship

Women's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 11 Nan Nichols Classic 6/8 p.m. (H)
Dec. 12 Nan Nichols Classic 2/4 p.m. (H)
Dec. 30 Seton Hill 2 p.m. (H)
Jan. 2 Wittenberg 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 8 OWU 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 9 Kenyon 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 13 Oberlin 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 16 Thomas More 1 p.m. (A)
Jan. 20 Denison 7:30 p.m. (A)
Jan. 23 Earlham 3 p.m. (H)
Jan. 27 Allegheny 7:30 p.m. (H)
Jan. 30 Wittenberg 7:30 p.m. (A)
Feb. 4 Mt. Vernon 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 6 Oberlin 2 p.m. (A)
Feb. 10 OWU 7:30 p.m. (A)
Feb. 13 CWRU 7:30 p.m. (A)
Feb. 17 Kenyon 7:30 p.m. (H)
Feb. 20 Denison 2 p.m. (H)
Feb. 23 NCAC Quarter-finals
Feb. 26 NCAC Semi-finals
Feb. 27 NCAC Championship

Young Lady Scots enjoy early success with 4-2 record

LUKE LINDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

With only two losses so far, the Lady Scot basketball team is off to a strong start. Wooster followed up its Notre Dame College Tournament Championship with a loss to Malone, but then rebounded to beat Case Western Reserve last week and knock off Earlham Saturday afternoon at Timken Gymnasium.

On Saturday, Wooster relied on its offense once again to carry the team through some defensive lapses. The Lady Scots scored 72 points en route to defeating Earlham for their second straight NCAC win by the final of 72-63. In fact, in four out of their five games this season, Wooster has scored over 70 points per contest.

This is due to a number of factors. One argument is obvious: Katie Montague '99, who scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds against the Quakers. Montague has certainly not been Wooster's lone weapon this season, however, as LeAnn Uhinck '02 has stepped up in her first season of college ball.

Uhinck scored 22 points to lead the Lady Scots on Saturday, also grabbing 10 rebounds in the process. Fellow first-year Stephanie Woodruff '02 came off Coach Lisa Campanell Komara's bench to add 13 points, all which came in the second half.

Woodruff's offensive explosion

could not have come at a better time, as Earlham mounted a number of comebacks in the second half. After a first half deadlock at 30 apiece, Wooster watched Earlham score four unanswered points. Down 34-30, the Lady Scots mounted a comeback of their own, going on a 9-2 spurt to take the lead at 39-36.

The lead changed a number of times within the next few minutes until the 13:08 mark where a jumper by Maureen Mull '02, who finished with four points and nine assists, put Wooster ahead for the remainder of the contest at 45-44.

Currently, Montague, who was named to the preseason Division III all-region squad, leads the team in scoring, averaging 16.6 points per contest. Uhinck, who has been nothing but spectacular for Wooster so far in the post, averages 16 points per game to pace Montague.

Fellow first year Maureen Mull, who has started all five contests, is averaging 11 points per game while shooting 26.9 percent from three point range.

However, Wooster's best weapon this season has been their wide range of talent, which in the past few years had been divided only among a few strong players. This season, Wooster has stepped up and begun to play team ball.

Campanell Komara has used all her players well. Eight players have played in each game so far, as she has juggled the starting lineup only once. Furthermore, Campanell Komara has been able to go to her bench and find more than a few water bottles sitting beside her.

Woodruff's 13 second half points, which came off the bench on Saturday afternoon, help the Lady Scots' pull past the Quakers. Furthermore, Joci Horn '01, arguably the Lady Scots best ball handler, has been dynamite off the bench.

Horn averages 3.4 points per game, but her real talent lies in creating scoring opportunities and playing tough defense. Furthermore, when she shoots, she takes good shots. Horn is shooting almost 40 percent from the floor. Her insertion into the waning moments of the Case victory gave the Lady Scots the spark they needed to make a number of key defensive stands.

The Lady Scots visited Allegheny last night, losing to the Gators. In this weekend's Nan Nichols Classic, the Lady Scots will play host to Hanover, Geneva and Carlow. On Friday night, after the Hanover-Geneva game, Wooster will play Carlow at approximately 8 p.m. The championship game will be played Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

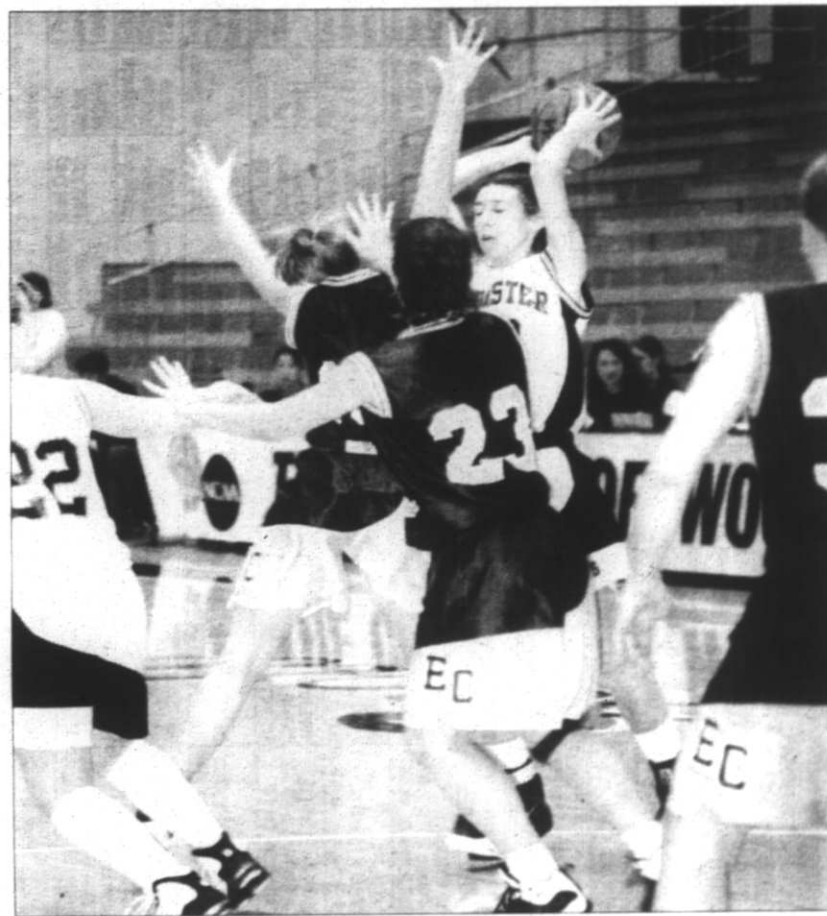


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Katie Montague '99 battles a double-team from Earlham defenders.

Montague quietly leads resurrected Lady Scots

SARAH FENSKE
CO-EDITOR

Contrary to popular opinion, Katie Montague '99 has not been a basketball star from the moment she stepped onto the court. "I've played since sixth grade, but I wasn't really serious about it until high school," she says. And even at West Geauga High, she was hardly a stand-out. "We had a really good team in high school," she says. "Throughout my whole high school career, we only lost like eight games. My junior year I only played just eight games because I tore my ACL, so I went out averaging 20 points and eight rebounds. My senior year, I wasn't a standout at all. I averaged like 15 points — nothing compared to what I've done here."

Other myths about the pre-season All-American: she is a great all-around player. She is aggressive on the court. She is the team leader. She's a power forward. For being the most publicized and arguably the best athlete at the College, she is surprisingly misunderstood.

First, her recent stardom. "I think it happened because I came in here and wasn't expected to be anything," she says. "I wasn't the top recruit, so I got the chance to show people what I could do, which I never got the chance to do in high school." Another factor that made a big dif-

ference was the move from forward to guard. "I was in the paint a lot ... I was down low," she says. "Last year, Coach moved me to a guard position, so I was able to handle the ball a little more, and I had so much more freedom to do what I wanted to."

Becoming a guard made all the difference in turning a good college career into a great one. She went from 15.8 points per game her sophomore year to 21.5 as a junior, from 395 points to 538, a school record. She also upped her rebounds from 142 to 161, now averaging 6.4 per game. She had been NCAC Newcomer of the Year, and now is Wooster's all-time leading scorer. Her success at guard not only made her the conference's Player of the Year, it also made her happier. "I have the advantage of my height, but I can dribble the ball too," the 5'11" guard said. "I can shoot, but I wasn't given the chance to take it in and drive a lot, which is one of my strongest points."

The other big factor in Montague's rise to the top has been Head Coach Lisa Campanell Komara. "I didn't like my coach here freshman and sophomore year," she says frankly, referring to the departed Roxanne Allen. "My coach now, she's real personable and friendly. She's open to suggestions.

Right away we clicked ... She had a big part to do with my success last year."

Campanell Komara is equally complimentary. "Katie is extremely conscientious. She wants to do well for everybody; she's a good person to have on your side," she says. "She is an extremely talented player ... She can shoot from the outside, but she's also very good at driving to the basket." It was Campanell Komara who saw that Montague's strengths might be more suited to guard; it is also Campanell Komara who is trying to turn her into an all-around player.

"Defense is definitely a weak link of Katie Montague," Campanell Komara says. "And that is no secret either. She knows that, and offensive players in general are not really strong defenders. She's totally an offensive player, she grew up being an offensive player, and for her first two years at Wooster she was an offensive player. Last year we worked with her on being a better defensive player. I think that's a goal that she wants and what we want for her."

What Montague wants even more is a winning team. "That's the only thing that I would want. I've accomplished a lot individually," she says. "But the only thing that would really round off the whole thing would

be a winning record. It was a lot different coming from such a winning program to where we lost more my first year than I'd lost in my whole career."

Campanell Komara thinks this might be the year. "I think we have a shot for the conference title," she says. "But every game is very important to us. We don't have the potential to blow out other teams. We have to scrap to win."

As for not being a team leader, Montague prefers to leave that to her teammates. "I'm not really passive, but I just out there and play. I don't think about what I do. I just go out and do it," Montague says.

"She wants the ball in her hands, but she's not going to be very vocal to get the ball," Campanell Komara explains. "She is not our leader. ... Our general is [point guard] Erin Gertz '00, and that takes the pressure off Katie. She's very comfortable with that."

What Montague is not entirely comfortable with yet is life without basketball. A communication sciences and disorder major, she plans to attend grad school for speech pathology. "I know it's definitely going to be different," she admits. "I'm usually known as Katie the Basketball Player, and it's not going to be like that anymore. It's going to be different, definitely."

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Scots fall to 4-1 with loss to Zips



Brad Vance '00 skies towards the basket in Saturday's win over Earlham. PHOTO BY LOU LINDIC

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SPORTS EDITOR

Two years can do wonders for a basketball program. Last time the Scots faced Division I Akron, the Zips were riding a 23-game losing streak. Two years later the Scots faced an Akron team that will compete for the MAC title.

Unfortunately for Wooster Head Coach Steve Moore, both games ended in a Wooster loss. Tuesday's game at James A. Rhodes arena featured two teams that have gotten off to a fast start. The Scots entered at 4-0, while the Zips entered at 5-1.

The Scots started this week ranked fifth in Division III, and Tuesday's match-up would give Moore opportunity to see just how good his team was.

Throughout this young season, the Scots have been led by the two big men, Ryan Gorman '99 and John Ellenwood '00. Could the Scots hang with the Zips?

Despite an early surge, the Scots could not hang with Akron, losing 82-61.

Yet early in Tuesday's game, the answer was yes. The Zips played special attention to Gorman and Ellenwood, double-teaming them anytime the ball entered the post. Because of that, Wooster's outside shooters were left open on the perimeter. Early in the game, the Scots were able to make the outside shots and establish an early lead.

For the first 14 minutes Wooster held the lead, with hopes of knocking off a D-I team. Point guard Pat

Noles '01 was on fire, making three three-pointers. Noles had an early 11 points and drew the attention of the Zip defense.

With six minutes left in the first half, Akron tied the game at 27. It would be an eternity before the Scots would score again. Akron went on a tear, scoring 22 unanswered points and going into half-time with a 42-27 lead. As the half ended, Wooster missed 11 straight shots.

The difference in the first half was fouls. Gorman was forced to spend much of the first half on the bench after getting two fouls in the opening two and a half minutes. Ellenwood and Brian Watkins '00 soon found a spot on the Wooster bench because of early fouls. The officials called a tight game on one end of the floor, letting the larger and faster Zips manhandle the Scots inside. The Zips were in the bonus with 14 minutes left and shot 23 free throws in the first half while the Scots only shot one.

Had the Scots been able to avoid foul trouble, they could have continued to hold the lead. But the Scots' successful early outside shooting did not continue throughout the game.

As the second half began, the Zips leading scorer Jami Bosley, who finished with a game-high 24 points, immediately opened with a three-pointer. Early in the second half, the Zips extended their lead to 30 points, and any hopes of a Scot comeback were dashed.

The Scots were plagued by turnovers, giving the ball away 17 times, while the Zips had only five turnovers. The 17 turnovers translated into 24 Zip points. As the game wore on, the Scots trimmed the lead to below 30 points.

The loss dropped the Scots record to 4-1, and Wooster will play in a crucial NCAC match-up tonight as Gorman and company will play host to Allegheny.

Earlier in the week, the Scots defeated a resurrected Earlham 78-62. Earlham, said to be the most improved team in the NCAC under first year head coach Jeff Justus, proved to be a formidable challenge for the Scots. The Quakers fired threes all game, making eight of 15 attempts in the first half.

Earlham cooled off in the second half and the Scots were able to cruise to a 15 point victory.

Swimmers win Woo Invite

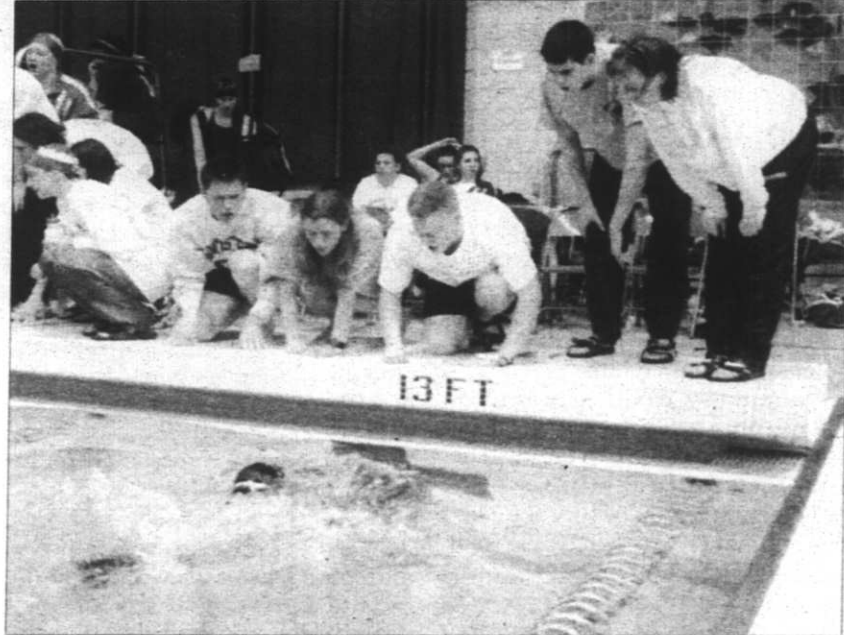


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Members of the swim team cheer at the Wooster Invitational.

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The College of Wooster's swimming and diving teams completed an outstanding weekend Sunday by winning the Wooster Invitational at Wooster High School.

In men's meet, the Scots finished on top with 908 points. Wittenberg was second with 609 points, followed by Baldwin-Wallace (597), Mount Union (481), John Carroll (368) and Kenyon (115).

In the women's competition, the Lady Scots won the meet with 958 points. Hillsdale was second with 692.5, followed by Wittenberg (643), John Carroll (426), Akron (395), Baldwin-Wallace (190), Mount Union (182.5) and Kenyon (84).

Sunday's action featured more dominance by the Scots in the sprint freestyle events. Wes Bennett '01 led the way by placing first in the 100-yard freestyle with a meet record time of 46.40, which also met the preliminary national qualifying standard.

Right behind Bennett were Steve Bayuk '00 in second (47.46), Kagan McKittrick '00 in third (48.54), Dale Edwards '01 in fourth (48.97) and Seth Pack '02 in fifth (49.27). In addition, Eric Knauss '02 placed seventh (49.49).

In the 200 breaststroke, Jody Herzog '02 placed fifth with a time of 2:20.99. In the 200 butterfly, Rob Harrington '99 was first (2:06.34) and Josh Selsby '99 placed third (2:08.03).

The final event of the invitational further demonstrated Wooster's domination in the sprint freestyle with the Scots placing first and third in the 400 freestyle relay. Bayuk, McKittrick, Edwards and Bennett combined for a meet record time of 3:08.97, which also met the preliminary qualifying standard.

The Lady Scots began the final day with a strong showing in the 200 backstroke, where Carolyn Firchak '00 (2:14.82) and Stephanie MacMillan '99 (2:20.16) were second and fifth, respectively. Also, Jessica Ritchie '02 won the 100 freestyle and made preliminary national cuts with a meet record time of 54.23.

In other events, Beth Starling '02 won the 200 breaststroke with a meet-record and preliminary national qualifying time of 2:28.54, while Melissa Brym '02 (2:34.71) and Jenny Diehl '99 (2:36.35) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Another strong showing for the Lady Scots came in the 200 butterfly where Leah Becki '00 set a meet record and qualified provisionally for nationals with a time of 2:11.25. Joining Becki were Jacque Gray '00 in fourth (2:18.17), Elizabeth Collins '02 in seventh (2:24.36) and Christie English '02 in eighth (2:27.69).

The Lady Scots finished with a third-place showing in the 400 freestyle relay as Becki, Brym, Gray, and Lori Mitskavich '02 combined for a time of 3:45.49. Some members of the team will travel to Florida Keys over winter break.

Wooster's Week in Sports

Men's Basketball

Thurs. Allegheny 7:30 p.m. (H)
Sat. Lake Erie 7:30 p.m. (H)

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Women's Basketball

Fri. Nan Nichols Classic 6/8 p.m. (H)
Sat. Nan Nichols Classic 6/8 p.m. (H)

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Swimming and Diving

No Meets Scheduled